

HOUSE RESOLUTION 262
By Ferguson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend "Miss Lucy" Botkin for meritorious public service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as educators and community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is "Miss Lucy" Botkin, known by all simply as "Miss Lucy"; she was born December 10, 1903, in Montlake, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, she was born into a close-knit family, the oldest of ten children; soon after her high school graduation, she took her first teaching job at a one-room schoolhouse with a salary of \$50 a month; and

WHEREAS, after attending college at East Tennessee State and later graduating from Peabody College in Nashville, Miss Lucy went on to teach for the next forty-two years, both in the classroom and in the library; she served with acumen and alacrity, earning the respect and admiration of her colleagues, her students, and indeed all those who were fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Miss Lucy performed her duties as an educator with the utmost skill, dedication, and professionalism; she could frequently be found in her students' homes, offering her help to the entire family, regardless of the need, as well as teaching ill or injured students in their homes long before a formal homebound program was established; and

WHEREAS, Miss Lucy was also a devout and active member of her church, where she taught Sunday School, and organized a Girl Scout troop in Rockwood; stories of her legendary generosity detail special gifts to certain needy students, including new shoes, a prom dress, money for a class trip, and a class ring, who otherwise would have done without; and

WHEREAS, Miss Lucy's service can only be categorized as outstanding, as evidenced by the many honors she has received, including the Golden Apple Award and her inclusion in the listing of *Who's Who for Nursing Home Residents*; and

WHEREAS, because of Miss Lucy's tremendous influence on her former colleagues and students, as well as those members of her current community, the Harriman High School Alumni Association has established a tribute in the form of a "Miss Lucy Fund" to continue her legacy of helping needy students; and

WHEREAS, Miss Lucy's exemplary life and professional standards have made an immeasurable positive impact on hundreds of students in the Rockwood community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend "Miss Lucy" Botkin for her meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee, especially her students, and for serving as an embodiment of the values that are held dear by all Tennesseans. We join with her family, friends, community, and church in offering our appreciation for her impressive record of public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we congratulate Miss Lucy upon being recently honored by the Rockwood Care and Rehabilitation Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.